

Application No. 10/518,195
Response to Office Action dated September 11, 2007
Paper dated December 11, 2007
Attorney Docket No. 0115-045717

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

Figure 3 has been amended to show a bead chain (as showing one example of a pulling arrangement). Support for this amendment is provided on page 5, lines 15+, which discuss the pulling arrangement as being known per se and can comprise a bead chain, a toothed belt, or a spindle. Replacement sheet 1/5, reflecting this change is being submitted with this paper.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets
Annotated Sheet Showing Changes

REMARKS

Applicant's representative would like to thank Examiner Johnson for the telephonic interview granted on October 3, 2007 to request clarification of the specific requirements set forth in the Office Action and to advance the prosecution of the application. In particular, it was agreed that the drawings would be amended to show a bead chain as showing one example of a pulling arrangement and the specification would be amended in accordance with the drawing amendment.

In view of the amendments to the drawing and specification, it is respectfully requested that the objection to the drawings under 37 CFR §1.83(a) be withdrawn.

With respect to the rejection of claims 11-22 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, during the aforementioned interview, the Examiner agreed that the phrase "pulling arrangement" is adequately described in the specification at page 5, lines 15+. The Examiner agreed to withdraw this rejection. With respect to the phrase "drawn out", the Examiner suggested alternative language. In particular, the Examiner suggested that claim 11 be amended as follows "...the lamellae are being ~~drawn-out~~ expanded along the bearing arrangement..." Applicant has amended claim 11 in accordance with the Examiner's suggestion.

For the reasons set forth above, it is respectfully requested that the rejection of claims 11-22 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, be withdrawn.

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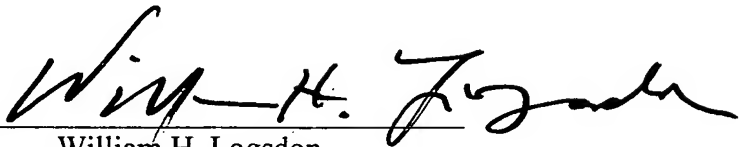
CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing amendments and remarks, allowance of pending claims 11-22 is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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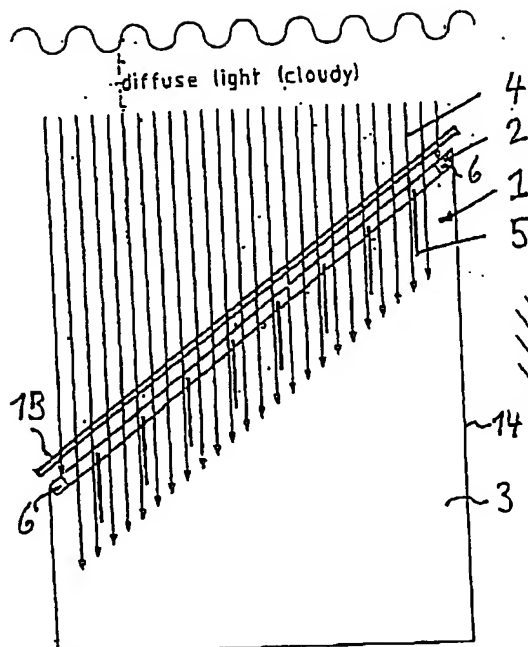


Fig. 1

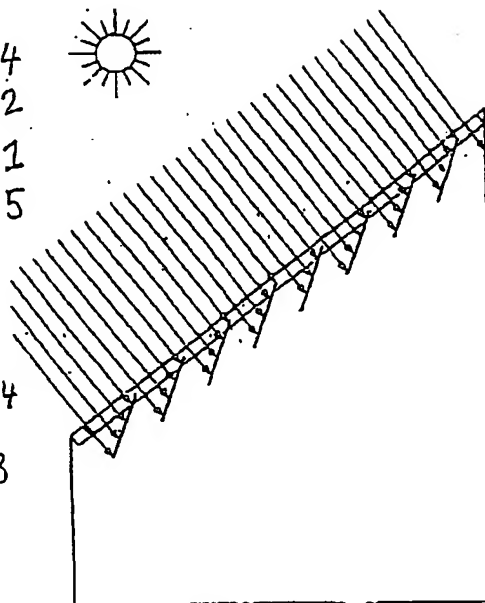


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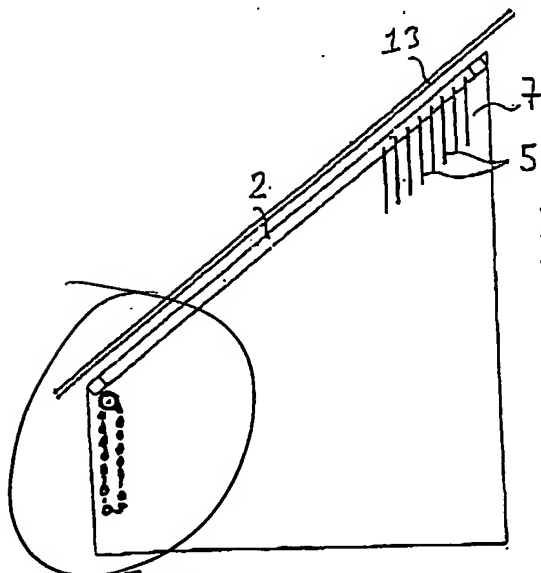


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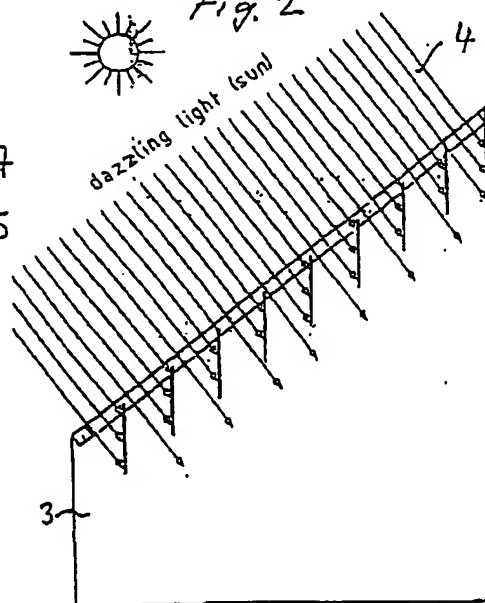


Fig. 4